

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-8 are considered as generally allowable by the Examiner over the art.

At the same time, the drawings, the disclosure and the claims are objected to, and the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the claims has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with the Examiner's formal objections and rejections, applicants wish to make the following remarks.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the drawings, it is respectfully submitted that the element in claim 1, line 5, should be identified with reference numeral 30, and claim 1 has been amended correspondingly.

As for the Examiner's requirement to show the smaller wiper

rod and the wider wiper rod, it is respectfully submitted that the smaller and wider wiper rods are not positively recited in claim 1, and are not parts of the bearing element. Instead they are parts which cooperate with the bearing element. Since they are not positively recited in claim 1, it is believed that their showing is not necessary. However, if the Examiner still considers that the showing of this element is necessary, he is respectfully requested to indicate so and applicants will be willing to provide such a showing.

In connection with the Examiner's rejection to the disclosure with respect to the term "detent means" the specification has been amended to recite the detent means.

The Examiner's grounds for the objection and rejection to the claims has been carefully considered. In connection with this, every claim mentioned by the Examiner has been amended in compliance with the Examiner's requirements. It is believed that claim 8 is properly dependent on claim 7 and it is not clear why it is indefinite. Otherwise it is believed that all the Examiner's grounds for the objections and rejections of the claims should be considered not tenable and should be withdrawn in view of the amendments to the claims.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is respectfully requested to reconsider and allow the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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***Our ref.: 686***

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a copy of an Office Action which we received from the Examiner in the above identified application. We are very pleased to inform you that the Examiner indicated that the present application was generally allowable over the art. At the same time, he applied numerous grounds for formal objections and rejections. Since the Office Action was self explanatory, we have prepared and filed a Request for Reconsideration, a copy of which is enclosed.

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In the Request for Reconsideration we have attended to the formal issues raised by the Examiner. It has been pointed out that the drawings should be considered as being in proper shape. The specification has been amended to provide antecedent basis for detent means.

The claims have been amended as requested by the Examiner for clarification purposes.

It is hoped that the present application would be allowed.

As always, we remain,

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure